

Vocabulary Power

Lesson 16 Using Synonyms

In painting a portrait or creating a portrait with words, artists and writers try to capture more than the physical details of a subject. Meaningful portraits breathe with the spirit and personality of a subject, whether it is an individual, a group of people, a place, or a situation. Words in this lesson relate to impressions of people, groups, and places that might inspire a portrait.

Word List

controversy

diverse

gregarious

imposing

potent

prestigious

profound

prophetic

stoicism

vulnerable

EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced word is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other related words and write them on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **diverse** : different _____
Dictionary definition _____
2. **prestigious** : dignified _____
Dictionary definition _____
3. **imposing** : impressive _____
Dictionary definition _____
4. **potent** : powerful _____
Dictionary definition _____
5. **stoicism** : reserve _____
Dictionary definition _____
6. **vulnerable** : sensitive _____
Dictionary definition _____
7. **gregarious** : sociable _____
Dictionary definition _____
8. **prophetic** : predicting _____
Dictionary definition _____
9. **controversy** : debate _____
Dictionary definition _____



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10. **profound** : wise _____
 Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Usage

Draw a line through the italicized word or phrase. Above it, write the vocabulary word that can replace the word or phrase.

- The professor seemed *as if he could see the future* as he explained how life might be different two hundred years from now.
- That poetry award is one of the most *well-known and respected* among writers.
- The *powerful* remedy helped Matt feel better by the next day.
- I worried about my brother, who seemed so *easily hurt and open to attack*, when he decided to run for mayor.
- Most people agreed that the *grand and massive* new building seemed out of place in their small town.
- When walking into a room of strangers, it is helpful to have a *friendly and cheerful* personality.
- As Courtney listened to the debate, she realized how *extremely intelligent and deep* the candidate's arguments were.
- The man's face, usually marked by *little emotion*, broke into a wide smile in the crowd of friendly people.
- The *public disagreement* among the townspeople was over whether to fine those who do not recycle bottles and cans.
- The group of city officials was *made up of many different kinds of people*, so citizens could trust that different points of view were being represented.

EXERCISE C Clues Matching

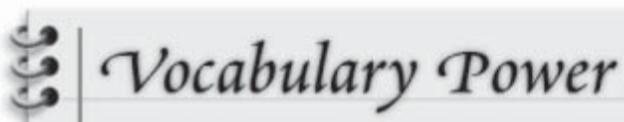
Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

- This describes a situation in which people with different opinions clash over an issue.

- A person who always makes friends easily might be described this way.

- You can use this word to describe the different tastes and smells at the International Food Fair.

- People might use this word to describe a large mountain that seems to cast a shadow over everything below it.

Vocabulary Power**Lesson 17 The Prefix ex-**

A prefix is a syllable attached before a root to alter or enhance its meaning. Many words that you see every day use the prefix *ex-*, which has a variety of related meanings. For example, *ex-* can mean “from,” “beyond,” “away from,” or “without.” The list below contains words that have the *ex-* prefix. As you look at the words try to figure out how *ex-* affects the meaning of each word.

Word List**exorbitant****expanse****expatriate****expediency****extract****extraneous****extricate****extrovert****exuberance****exult****EXERCISE A Context Clues**

Use your understanding of the prefix *ex-* and context clues to determine the meanings of the boldfaced vocabulary words below. Write your definitions. Then, look up each word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. Laura has the personality of an **extrovert**; she always enjoys meeting new and interesting people.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

2. It took officers many hours to **extract** important information from the suspect because he did not want to talk.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

3. The upscale department store attracted wealthy people with **exorbitant** spending habits.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

4. The children showed their **exuberance** by jumping up and down and clapping their hands as the parade traveled by.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

5. A committee will have to study the **expediency** of building a new city hall building.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

6. People immediately began to **exult** when they heard the soldiers were returning home from the war.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

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7. The farmer tried to **extricate** the lamb caught in a thick tangle of bushes.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

8. We need to focus on the crucial facts and ignore any **extraneous** information in the report.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

9. The writer used to be loyal to the United States, but certain political events caused him to become an **expatriate** in Europe.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

10. We would lie on our backs in the open field and stare at the **expanse** of cloudless sky above us.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Clues Matching

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. A detail that is not important might be called this.

2. Someone who is happy and filled with emotion at an event might do this.

3. You might do this to an object that is clogging your sink.

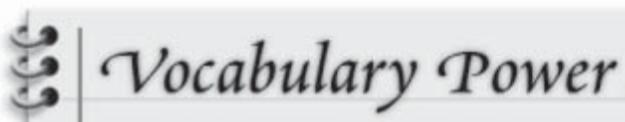
4. This word describes a person who loves being around other people.

5. A professional football field has a large one.

6. Before beginning a new project, people might examine whether it has this quality.

7. This word defines a person who has left his or her native land.

8. A dentist might have to do this to a decayed tooth.

Vocabulary Power**Lesson 18 The Greek Roots *hydr*, *hydro***

The Greek root *hydr* means “water.” Most words that contain *hydr* and *hydro* relate in some way to water. The words in this lesson contain these two forms of the Greek root *hydr*.

Word List**hydrant****hydrogen****hydroplane****hydrotherapy****hydrate****hydrography****hydrosphere****hydrothermal****hydraulic****hydrophobia****EXERCISE A Context Clues**

Use both your understanding of the Greek root *hydr* and the context clues to determine the meanings of the boldfaced vocabulary words below. Write your definitions. Then, look up each word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. Ty has a terrible case of **hydrophobia**; he’s even afraid to put his toe in a tub of water.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

2. There was not enough water pressure to operate the **hydraulic** equipment.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

3. The dermatologist said that I should **hydrate** my skin with moisturizing lotion every night.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

4. In chemistry class we learned that the combustion of the element **hydrogen** creates water.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

5. I would like to study **hydrography** so that I can help ships navigate bodies of water.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

6. Oceans, lakes, glaciers, water vapor, and clouds are part of Earth’s **hydrosphere**.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

7. We didn’t do experiments with cold water; rather, we studied **hydrothermal** processes.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____



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8. During **hydrotherapy** for her injured leg, Janice would sit in a large metal tub of water.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

9. In the flooded street, we saw the speeding car begin to **hydroplane**.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

10. A heavy fine is levied if a driver blocks a fire **hydrant**.

My definition _____

Dictionary definition _____

EXERCISE B Clues Matching

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. To wet a dry sponge is to do this to it.

2. This is a disorder that would prevent someone from enjoying a swim in a lake.

3. In this process, water pressure causes a piece of equipment to be operable.

4. This is anything involving hot water.

5. A bubbling tub of water might be used in this type of treatment.

6. All bodies of water are part of this.

7. In this field, bodies of water are studied and mapped.

8. Driving too fast over a wet road might cause you to do this.

9. This supplies water to firefighters.

10. This is an important element in one of the substances essential to life: water.

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Lesson 19 Using Reading Skills

Word Parts

The word to which a prefix or suffix is added is called the base word. Some words look as if they were formed by adding a prefix or suffix to a base word, but in fact they are formed from a *root* plus a prefix or suffix. A root is a word part often derived from a language other than English, such as Greek or Latin. A root has meaning, but it cannot stand alone as a word in English. Here's an example of the difference between a root and a base word.

vulnerable = *vulner* (Latin root meaning “wound”) + *-able* (suffix meaning “to be able”)

acceptable = *accept* (base word) + *-able* (suffix meaning “to be able”)

EXERCISE A

Complete the chart by deciding whether each word contains a base word or a root and filling in the columns accordingly. Use a dictionary as necessary. (Hint: The spelling of a base word may change slightly when a suffix is added.) An example has been completed for you.

Word	Prefix	Base Word	Root	Suffix
<i>altercation</i>		<i>altercate</i>		<i>-ion</i>
1. circuitous				
2. predetermined				
3. irreverent				
4. ambiguous				
5. commendable				

EXERCISE B

Each group of words below contains one word that is formed from a root rather than from a base word. Cross out the word that is not formed from a base word.

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|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. serious | prosperous | autonomous | famous |
| 2. mobilize | reacquaint | melodious | rescind |
| 3. shameless | alleviate | toothless | activate |
| 4. compatible | impressionable | indoctrinate | indecisive |
| 5. government | inflict | refinement | inconspicuous |

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EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word that means most nearly the *opposite* of the vocabulary word.

1. exult
a. grieve b. sing c. sleep d. forget
2. prestigious
a. small b. respected c. unimportant d. dangerous
3. potent
a. excited b. frail c. intelligent d. old
4. profound
a. quiet b. enriched c. funny d. shallow
5. extricate
a. color b. involve c. sort d. investigate
6. hydrothermal
a. powerful b. colorful c. icy d. soft
7. expatriate
a. politician b. organizer c. fighter d. native
8. expediency
a. comfort b. inappropriateness c. age d. wisdom
9. hydrosphere
a. car travel b. science c. land d. ocean
10. prophetic
a. generous b. unknowing c. brilliant d. wise